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NOTICE.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO., WHICH ARE OWNED THE SHARES OF THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., and THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS' ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1914, £23,970,387.
I—Authorised Capital £6,000,000.
Subscribed Capital £4,500,000.
Paid-up Funds 22,477,500
II—Fire Funds 3,657,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds 17,567,597
Sinking Fund Account 123,230
£23,970,387

Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,458
Life and Annuity Branches 2,141,597
Revenue Marine Department 337,339
Other Receipts 478,840
£5,839,228

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and by Act of Parliament are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

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WEEK DAY
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
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11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Every half hour.
11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

NIGHT CARS on Week Days.
SUNDAY.
Extra Cars at 15 minutes.
SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, 45 Connaught Road Central, Des Voeux Road Central.
Buses and private boats available for all cars not already full running at the times stated in the Company's time-table, but not for special cars, can be obtained at the Company's Office, 45 Connaught Road Central, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong. Payment therefore has been made in the form of a charge on the Company's account, and the bill will be settled by the Company. Extra cars have been made in the form of a charge on the Company's account, and the bill will be settled by the Company.

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WONG PING WA, Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1914.

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1915 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Foreign Business on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 31st instant and 1st proximo.

Hongkong, Dec. 27, 1917. 2423

DON'T FORGET
GREAT
WAR CHARITIES
FAIR

Kowloon Cricket Club Ground.

NEW YEAR DAY,
1st January, 1918.WONDERFUL ATTRACTIONS.
From 3 P.M. to 11.30

Late Ferries and Peak Trams.
Hongkong, Dec. 27, 1917. 2423

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 5th January proximo, at 3 p.m., at the Public Works Department and before a Committee provided by the Director of the Public Works, TENDERS will be received for the SUPPLY AND LAYING OF PIPES for Canalization of Salt Water (Extension).

The conditions of the tender, the specifications and the plans of the canalization are open to the public at the Public Works Department and in the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong, where they can be examined all week days.

Macao Public Works Department, 16th December, 1917.

RAUL M. DE FARIA & MARIA,
Engineer Director.
Hongkong, Dec. 31, 1917. 2413

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

BEFORE PURCHASING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES for use in connection with the Company's supply, Consumers are recommended to communicate with the Undersigned with a view to ascertaining—

- If the Appliances, and their use, are in accordance with the Company's Regulations.
- If the Wiring of the premises where it is intended to install such Appliances is suitable.

It is important that the foregoing information should be obtained from the Company, as not only does the neglect to do so endanger property by fire but in addition may lead to a contravention of the Ordinance.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1917. 2396

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FOR THE
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We have GRAFONOLAS to suit
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Commission 5½% to 6%
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THE BRITISH ARMY'S
CHINATOWN.

ORIENTALS IN FRANCE.

Mr. John Lloyd Bolderston, contributes the following to the "Field":

This is the story of a trip to the British Army's Chinatown. In motoring behind the lines, the observer is struck by the astounding medley of races brought together in France to labour while white men fight; during one day I passed on the roads, at railheads and in the towns, groups of Chinese, Fijians, Egyptians, Annamites and several kinds of Northern and Central Africans.

I asked how these thousands of beings transplanted from other climes and continents are fed, kept in order, identified, what provisions are made for their families, and how their work compares with white labour. For answer I was taken to the headquarters of Chinese labour in Northern France, and told to look about and ask questions and see for myself. Similar organisations, I was informed, exist for the other foreigners, but the largest of all is Chinatown, which takes care of thousands of Oriental labourers now and is prepared to handle five times as many if the war continues another two years.

A CITY OF TENTS.

Chinatown, is near a sleepy French village, in whose streets not a Chinaman is seen, but once inside the compound, the visitor finds himself transported to the Orient. A great city of tents stretches for acres; few white men are about, but many Chinese—guards and policemen; notices in Chinese are placarded everywhere, and coolies in clothes brought from China pass to and fro, two by two, each pair carrying on their shoulders a bamboo pole brought from China, from which is suspended a wicker basket brought from China.

As they arrive in the ships the coolies are brought to this camp. They are identified, card indexed, and sent out from Chinatown to work, under overseers of their own race, in charge of British officers. The home camp may contain many thousands of men or be almost empty, but here all the records are kept and the machinery of organisation centres. A marvellous system it is no great industrial concern could handle such a problem with more symmetry, and certainly no greater efficiency.

IF YOU FEEL A COLD
APPROACHING

A hot bath is bad and so is a dose of Pinkettes, the little gentle stimulant laxative, form the best preventative.

PINKETTES

slaves. Let me tell the story how Chow Main, a Chinese coolie working in the rice fields, supporting a family on wages of five cents a day, finds himself in France mending a road behind Bapaume.

Chow is astounded and incredulous to be told one morning that some foreign devils are willing to pay him many cents per working day of eight hours, for three years, and at the same time pay his family while he is away; if he will sail off to the other side of the world. He is distrustful; he hangs back at first, but a friend who went to South Africa fifteen years ago tells him that the English will be as good as their word. He signs his contract, and after a long voyage, he finds himself in France.

He is taken to Chinatown. There, his finger-tips are taken and compared with those obtained when he enlisted in Canton. A very necessary precaution; the finger prints are indexed by mysterious numbers, which an expert marks, after one glance, on the print of each finger.

Chow is, therefore, identified beyond

the possibility of a mistake even if he loses his papers. He then receives a work card. His boss marks on this card when he has done a day's work; if, however, he shirks, he is docked or gets nothing. At the end of each month he is paid; at the end of his contract he will be "transported" at the Government's expense back to the rice plantation whence he came.

The "O.C."

The Chinese get the same ration as British troops, with the exception that rice is substituted for meat to an extent pleasing to the Chinese palate. I visited a Chinese hospital in Chinatown in charge of army doctors who know the language and have worked in China. It was the same in every essential respect as the regular army hospitals. In charge of one of the wards was an American from Seattle who left an important post in the Manila army hospital to see active service.

Mr. B. Lambert, who asked a question on the subject, wished to know the total cost of the Albert Hall meeting, spent from the £220 expended on the meeting itself, also how many persons had received, or claimed, out-of-pocket, or other expenses, and what was the amount paid or claimed.

Mr. Baldwin, Secretary to the Treasury, gave the answer above, and added that the claims were under examination.

Mr. Faber: Is this the latest form of patriotism?

Mr. Horne: Specie that this kind of meeting is so expensive, will the Secretary to the Treasury try to discourage it?

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BY THE POUND

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etc., etc.,
therein contained.
Including—

Large Cherrywood Toilet Table,
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Ltd., Large Brass Bedstead, Hair and
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Lavatory and Bath Room Fittings,
One Large American Ice Chest and
Carrying Chairs.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1917. 2414

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WEDNESDAY,
the 2nd January, 1918, at 4.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
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Ice House Street.

FIVE WELL-MARKED FOX
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Hongkong, Dec. 27, 1917. 2417

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the 3rd January, 1918, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
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A QUANTITY OF
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etc., etc.

Comprising—

Blackwood Furniture, Large Plain
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or silver, Chairs, Overmantels, etc.

White Enamelled Twin Bedsteads,
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Crockery Ware, Pantry and Kitchen
Utensils, including Large American Ice
Chest, and Two White Enamelled Bath-

The above Furniture, etc., has been
removed to the Sale Rooms for con-
venience of Sale.

Particulars from Catalogue.

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Auctioneers
Hongkong, Dec. 24, 1917. 2419

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Beam 13 feet 4 inches.

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about
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Typewriters at \$1.00 per machine
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Every kind of Footwear

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Private classes held in the morning.

For particulars apply at the Convent.

Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1917. 2430

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Music and Dancing \$1.50.

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Music and Dancing, \$2 per head.

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Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1917. 2432

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture by Hughes & Hough at "Eggesford," 124, The Peak.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

MONDAY, Dec. 31.—

Hogmany.

General Holiday.

TUESDAY, Jan. 1.—

3 p.m. to 11 p.m.—Kowloon Our Day Fair.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2.—

5 p.m.—Sale of Rare British Colonial Stamps at Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

THURSDAY, Jan. 3.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Hughes & Hough's Auction Room.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9.—

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then a general Peace Conference would be in sight. The official German announcement cannot be ignored by the Allied Governments, and we should not be surprised if it led to parleys in order to discover definitely how far Germany is prepared to go towards meeting the conditions which the Allies are resolutely resolved shall be the final outcome of the war.

Peace may be a long way off yet, but the latest German announcement at any rate should enable the Allies to obtain from Germany what has hitherto been lacking, namely a definite and precise statement of the objects for which the Central Powers are fighting.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LEGAL AND GENERAL.

KILLED IN ACTION.

ADAM—Lieut. A. R. Adam, Seaforth Highlanders, attached R.F.C., late of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London Staff. Reported missing 3rd July, 1917, since reported killed on that date.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, Dec. 28, 1917.

GERMANY'S PEACE MANOEUVRES.

AN official announcement is made

that Germany is prepared to immediately sign peace on the basis of "no annexations" and "no indemnities" if guarantees are forthcoming that all Russia's allies will adopt these principles regarding Germany and her Allies. It is a clever move in the game Germany is playing in Russia; but it needs very little reflection to see how hollow it really is. In the first place Germany is negotiating with a so-called Government which no other Power has yet formally recognized—a Government moreover which is not yet in control of the whole of Russia, and whose Head has just proclaimed that the hostile military developments in the South-West of Russia mean "the life or death of the Revolution."

It is a self-constituted Government in Russia which cannot yet claim to speak with the voice of a united nation with whom the Central Powers are making a show of negotiating a Peace Agreement binding on all the Allies. The official German communiqué is doubtless intended to speak more to England, France, Italy, and the United States than to Russia, and is one well calculated to appeal to any wavering element in either country as offering a basis for a general discussion by the belligerents. All the Allies have repudiated any idea of aggression. They are seeking "no annexations," but Belgium, France, Serbia, and Montenegro are seeking dismemberment, and Great Britain and the United States are supporting them, and while each is doubtless ready to forego claims for indemnity, in the sense of punitive damages, they are not prepared to renounce all claims to reparation for damage caused by the enemy's armies. That, however, is not the chief consideration in the matter, which is whether Germany in making this announcement is seeking merely a restoration of the status quo, and doing which they well know the Allies would not for one moment consider—or is prepared to conclude a peace such as the leading statesmen of all the Allied countries have repeatedly and clearly enunciated! What the Allies—including the misguided Russians—aim at, and must insist upon, is a peace which shall be binding, and not a mere truce, a peace which will guarantee to all nationalities the right to live in peace in their own territories.

ROYAL ENGINEERS v. ROYAL NAVY.

To start at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow at Hoppy Valley.

Capt. Tom. S. McGregor, Lieut. Lucas, Capt. Adm'r. G. Q. A. Reeks, Lieut. Wals, Spr. Miller, Spr. Charnier, S. Sgt. Crippwell, Cpl. Heath and Spr. O'Brien.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

To start at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow at Hoppy Valley.

Capt. G. C. G. Team, A. W. Grinnell, J. G. Green, F. S. Thompson, G. Rose, G. Marley, T. Ford, M. H. Shand, and H. Bass.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, D.S.P. (R.).

This League fixture is to be played tomorrow on the C.C.C. ground at 2 p.m.

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A GERMAN DESTROYER.

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PEACE DECLARED IN CHINA.

"China Mail" Service.

Peking, Dec. 27.

A peace declaration was issued last night ordering the suspension of hostilities. The troops from the North are ordered merely to maintain order.

The subject of the reorganization of the Cabinet, in the meantime, is being considered.

The Government has telegraphed to all the provinces and to the Chinese Ministers abroad.

The proclamation stopping the fighting was issued at 5 p.m.

Feng Kee Chang and Wong See Chan propose, after the stoppage of the fighting, to summon delegates from the South and the West, and to invite Tsan Chin Huen, Dr. Wu Ting Fang to come to Peking and consider the measures to be taken.

The Central Government has telegraphed to Lung Chai Kwong not to attack the Kwangsi troops, pending further instructions.

Owing to the change in the situation, Wong Yap Tong is advocating the closing of the Provisional Senate, and he has sent delegates to approach the members on the matter.

Chen Kwong Yin has telephoned to Li Ssu to stop the Shantung troops from going to Kiangsi.

Mok King Yu has telephoned to the Government, offering himself for punishment and the Government has accordingly instructed Li How Ki to prepare a temporary Yameo for Mok.

Luk Wing Ting has telephoned to the Government recommending that Mok Wing Sun shall be given a sub-

stintive post as Tukwan of Kwangtung, in view of his ability to handle troops.

REVISED CUSTOMS TARIFF.

PEKING, Dec. 27.

The Government has issued a mandate to the Customs proclaiming a tariff as follows:—The levy on luxuries from 30 to 100 per cent. ad valorem; on undesirable goods from 20 to 80 per cent.; useful goods from 10 to 20 per cent.; and on necessary goods from 20 to 10 per cent.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut-Commander F. A. Viers de Mattox, commander of the gunboat Macao, has been appointed Acting Governor of the Colony of Macao.

Intimation has been received of the death of Donald Morison, chief engineer of a torpedoed vessel on a homeward voyage. His body was washed ashore at Trevou on the coast of Brittany. Mr. Morison was a native of Stornoway, and for 30 years was in the service of the British India Steam Navigation Co. At the time of his death he was one of the oldest chief engineers of the firm. A week or two before he was drowned his eldest son was killed in action in France.

Captain C. S. Jackson, Coldstream Guards, was the youngest son of the late Sir Thomas Jackson, Bart., and of Lady Jackson, Stansted House, Essex, who was killed in action on October 9. He was in his twenty-sixth year, and was educated at Harrow and Sandhurst, receiving a commission in the Coldstream Guards in February, 1912. He went to France with the first Expeditionary Force, and was in the retreat from Mons and the battles of the Marne and Aisne. He was mentioned in despatches for his services at Landrecies.

Competitors are requested not to play out of the bunkers but to pick up and drop behind at the usual penalty of one stroke. Clubs will be provided on the ground but any desiring to do so may bring their own.

The clubs to be used are made of mastic, mahogany, and putter. Sandy MacNab, a very well known professional, will be in attendance and will give instruction and advice at a fair remuneration.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang has been unanimously chosen by the heads of the independent provinces and their influential leaders to be the chief representative in charge of Foreign Affairs.

CARNOUSTIE, KOWLOON.

This famous golf course has been transferred from Scotland to Kowloon for Our Day at enormous expense. The course consists of nine holes named respectively the Dyke, the Bre, the Burn, the Spectacles, the Cup, the Long, the Spinney and the Mount.

The course has been well laid out and contains numerous bunkers for the unwary. There will be three competitions viz., Ladies Singles (two prizes), Mixed Fouromes (three prizes), Runn Pool (four prizes). Two clocks are provided for Clock Golf and four pris are offered, while Colonel Bogey has offered two prizes. Competitors are requested not to play out of the bunkers but to pick up and drop behind at the usual penalty of one stroke. Clubs will be provided on the ground but any desiring to do so may bring their own.

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"GERMAN EAST AFRICA."

GERMAN PAPER ON ITS "WORLD POLITICAL IMPORTANCE."

LONDON, Dec. 27.

In an article entitled "The World-Political Importance of German East Africa," the *Cologne Gazette* frankly confesses that Germany has for years aimed at the creation of a German wedge dividing Africa from sea to sea. It says that although Germany, by the treaty of 1911 with France, "apparently" made final renunciation of the idea of a great Colonial Empire, she really aimed at the creation of a Germano-Belgian economic area in the Congo basin, from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic. Thus, when the war commenced, Germany was "deliberately exploiting her incomparable geographical position in East Africa."

The *Cologne Gazette* proceeds to say that this position constituted "a wedge between the English claims to sole dominion in East Africa and South Africa—a dividing and immovable wedge, as long as England did not let it come to a trial of strength."

The newspaper confesses that great difficulties confront Germany's Colonial war aims. "All our wishes will be realised only if, by our battles in Europe, we compel England to recognise us as an equal Colonial Power and to draw the necessary consequences in the future rearrangement of Africa."

THE CAMPAIGN IN EAST AFRICA.

DESPATCH FROM GENERAL HOSKINS.

London, Dec. 27.

The *Gazette* publishes a despatch from General Hoskins, Commander-in-Chief in East Africa, describing the operations in East Africa from January 20 to May 30.

The despatch deals mainly with the great difficulties during the rainy season, which was the wettest for many years and seriously hampered the operations by interrupting the communications and caused a great increase in malaria and dysentery, necessitating the withdrawal of European and the South African Units. It was also necessary to substitute native carriers and mechanical transport for animal transport and also greatly to increase the Medical Services.

General Hoskins pays a tribute to the ready help of the Governments of India, South Africa, British East Africa, Uganda and Zanzibar, and he especially thanks the Commander-in-Chief in India for his readiness to meet many demands. He also pays a tribute to the spirit and keenness of the troops, the work of the technical troops, Supply and Transport, Medical Services and the assistance of the Merchant Marine and the Navy.

The despatch emphasises that the enemy had suffered less than the British from the difficulties of the rainy season because his whites were more acclimated and his native soldiers indigenous to the country; moreover, he was operating on interior lines with veteran troops and his power of living on the country was accentuated by the fact that, while the British took and paid for only what the villagers could spare, the Germans did not scruple to take all, and after using the men, women and children as porters, they sent them back starving, thus increasing the difficulties of the advancing British.

STATE OPERATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS.

Washington, Dec. 27.

President Wilson announces that he is assuming the possession and operation of all United States railroads.

Mr. McAdoo has been appointed Director-General of Railroads.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

WAMBEELAIN'S Cough Remedies is the best selling cough medicine in the world to-day because it does exactly what a cough medicine should do—coughs up mucus and cures.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

REPORTED DEFEAT OF KALELDIN FORCES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.

The Maximalist News Agency announces the defeat of General Kaledin's troops, at Bielgorod.

A QUESTION OF "LIFE OR DEATH."

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Times' Petrograd Correspondent states that the Bolsheviks are endeavouring to come to terms with Ukraine as the Peoples' Commissioners are anxious to employ all forces against General Kaledin, who is regarded as being identified with the Cadets and with the cause of the Bourgeoisie and pledged to the restoration of the Monarchy.

M. Trotzky has wired to General Krylenko to dispatch an army against General Kaledin, stating that it is a question of life or death for the Revolution.

THE UKRANIANS DISARM THREE RUSSIAN ARMIES.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Ukrainians on the Romanian Front have seized the Staff Headquarters of the Fourth and Eighth Armies, disarmed the Maximalist units and expelled the resisters. They also occupied, without resistance, the Staff Headquarters of the Eleventh Army, on the South-Western Front, disarming the troops, seizing a number of guns and 10,000 rifles.

The Ukrainians also occupied the station at Baltoff and disarmed the Fourth Guards Rifles Regiment.

SHUTTING DOWN MUNITION WORKS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd states the Putloff works and a Petrograd metallurgical works, employing 30,000 and 8,000 hands respectively, are beginning to pay off their employees.

THE PROHIBITION OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd says the Peoples' Commissioners recently prohibited newspapers publishing paid advertisements, whereupon the influential radical newspaper, *Den*, inserted advertisements gratuitously, but it appears to-day with blank advertisement columns and explains that the Red Guards, overnight, compelled the taking out of the advertisements.

FIGHTING AT IRKUTSK.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd states there has been two days' fighting at Irkutsk, the success alternating between the Cossacks of the troops, the work of the technical troops, Supply and Transport, Medical Services and the assistance of the Merchant Marine and the Navy.

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THE SUBMARINE PIRACY.

ROME, Dec. 27.

The shipping returns for the week ending December 22, state:

Steamers sunk (over 1,200 tons)..... 8

Sailing vessels sunk (over 100 tons)..... 1

Sailing vessels sunk (under 100 tons)..... 2

Steamers torpedoed and beached..... 9

FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.

PARIS, Dec. 27.

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Vessels sunk (over 1,600 tons).....

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

A GERMAN COMMISSION PROCEEDS TO PETROGRAD.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.

A message from Berlin states that a German Commission, provided by the Armistice, is proceeding to Petrograd to arrange the exchange of civilian and military prisoners of war and for the restoration of Russian and German relations within defined limits.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

SNOW ON THE WHOLE FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports that the Bolsheviks have been active in the neighbourhood of Vimy-Hautecourt, eastward of Ypres. There is snow on the whole front.

FRENCH REPULSE ATTACK.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

A French communiqué states: On the right of the Meuse, despite a very violent bombardment, the enemy's double attack on our positions in the Cauchies Wood failed.

WIRE AND WIRELESS PHONES CONNECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Electrical Experiment Bureau of the Department of Communications has completed experiments on the direct connection of the wire telephone of the land and the wireless telephone of the sea, with a result it terms entirely satisfactory.

The experiment of the wireless telephone was first made last summer between Iota and Rangoon on the Bay, but since then it has so developed that the bureau has made public that the direct wireless telephone from aboard a ship can be communicated to a telephone office on land and then to any receiver, in such way that he may converse directly with the passenger. Immediately after this publication an experiment was made for public inspection in the government building between the bureau and the room of the Secretary of the Department which was supposed to be on board a ship. All the newspaper reporters present reported that the conversation could be heard distinctly. In the experiment in Iota Bay, the effective distance was ten miles, but it is claimed that if the equipment be enlarged, it can be successfully operated between points of a very much longer distance.

The cost of installing the equipments is astonishingly small. According to the estimate of the authority, about \$8,000 for a wireless telephone post to be built at the telephone exchange station or land, \$1,000 for the exchange equipments, and \$600 for the installation of a wireless telephone box on board a ship will suffice.

The credit for the great invention is to Dr. Torquato and Dr. Tenerino who, assisted by two engineers of the bureau, Noboru Maruyama and Teijiro Horie, have been perfecting the technical details ever since July of this year.

About three years ago the American telephone company in co-operation with the American Navy was engaged in the similar invention. The entire undertaking was conducted in secrecy, and though it cannot be known how far they have been successful, whether they have been successful at all or not, the results have never been published. The Japanese inventors, therefore, are being given credit for being pioneers in this invention.

The wireless telephone that has existed before this invention could not be communicated directly between the speakers so that they could converse freely as through the wired telephone of land. The one speaker has to say first all he has to say, and after the current of the waves set in motion by his words has been recorded, the other speaker receives, causing an opposite current of waves to be recorded on the other end. Conversation was impossible, because two currents going in opposite directions will interfere with each other and be weakened to an inaudible degree before they reach the receivers. How to prevent this interference was the crux of the whole problem that has been taxing the inventive genius of the world. The two Japanese mentioned above were attacking this problem through the study of the vacuum method, which was applied to the generator, resistor, and augmentor of sound, and they finally reach this splendid result.—J. A.

A RUSH FOR DEBENTURES.

A SCENE IN TOKYO.

TOKYO, Dec. 27.

We take the following from the *Japan Times*:

The Hypothec Bank was practically besieged yesterday by thousands of purchasers of the new debentures placed on sale, and when the door of the Bank was opened in the morning there were already more than two thousand eager people waiting. The Bank, however, was well prepared for this rush and as much of the window glass of the Bank was broken at the last minute of sale, yesterday all the windows were protected by strong bars, and the purchasers had to approach the selling counter through a narrow pathway especially constructed.

It is said that the firm arrival appeared at the bank at four o'clock in the morning, and many brought their lunch determined to wait for any length of time to make their purchases. In the morning the authorities of the Bank announced that only three debentures would be sold to each person.

Afternoon it became impossible to sell that number, and finally the sale was restricted to one debenture per application.

ALMOST FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.

Beside the Bank, there were many persons who willingly offered premiums for the debentures. The total sum of \$7,000,000 worth of debentures, the entire amount was sold yesterday.

The majority of the people who

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION FROM CHINA.

MALARIA FEVER.

A NEW QUININE.

The following article appeared in "Truth" of October 1st:

I have received from Dr. Horace White, of Moreton, Asian, a copy from the Indian Medical Grants of a series of papers by him on "A New Specific for Malaria, etc." It is worth the attention of the medical profession in this country as well as India, and I should think possibly in the other parts of the world where our army is at present exposed to the ravages of malaria.

Dr. Willis says in it: "At the beginning of my medical career I had the first great opportunity of thoroughly testing the value of quinine. I very soon discovered that both in prophylaxis and as a cure it was unsatisfactory. Although for nearly a hundred years it had been adhered to as the Alpha and Omega of treatment in tropical pathology, I felt, when it had failed to give relief in 3,000 cases under my direct care, that it would be waste of time and life to further persevered in its employment."

He accordingly devoted himself instead to the discovery of something more effective, and arrived at the 'specific' described in his pamphlet.

After testing it by years of practice, he has obtained as ample evidence of its value as he previously had of the uselessness of quinine. But he has failed to secure any general recognition of the value of his discovery, although he tells me that the mortality from malaria in India, in the face of free distribution of quinine by the Government, amounts to upwards of four millions a year. This is obviously a matter which calls for the attention of the authorities, medical and political, and as a duly qualified medical man is at the bottom of it this time, there seems to be no excuse for blanketeting it."

What Dr. Willis says about quinine does not surprise me in the least. I have been told long ago that it is much worse than useless. Some of my readers may remember the name of Mr. Raphael Roche—a dangerous person who has presumed to study and practise medicine for many years successfully to without previous

training, and obtained a diploma.

On Active Service.

Soldiers' Institute.

Captain Service, Canadian Corps.

France, 30th Oct., 1917.

I had 300 cigarettes sent to me from the Overseas Club, and have just opened the second parcel. My word, what a muckin' I am in the tent when we opened it for there were 1500 Gold Flake cigarettes which are very good (and we were clean out of fags). I distributed them amongst the boys as far as I could, and most of them wanted to send you the card so that I gave some out, not all as they would have been too many.

I think that is a very good way of sending the cigarettes and if they could be sent the Gold Flakes it would be better, as the kid's they sent in the other parcel, is a little strong and the boy's don't care so much for them.

It would have made your heart beat fast to have seen the shout that came from our tent when the parcel was opened, and you know how pleasure it gives to the boy to get them and you can tell all the ones who helped to contribute towards them.

I am still quite well, although I am in the thick of rain and mud, but do not mind all that along as all goes well and I concur without being hurt or sick.

In addition to that a number of cards have come from men in the unit expressing their gratitude for a gift which was evidently very welcome.

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"CHICAGO MARU" Friday, 22nd Jan. at 3 p.m.
"MEXICO MARU" Thursday, 28th Feb. at 3 p.m.

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Swatow and Amoy.
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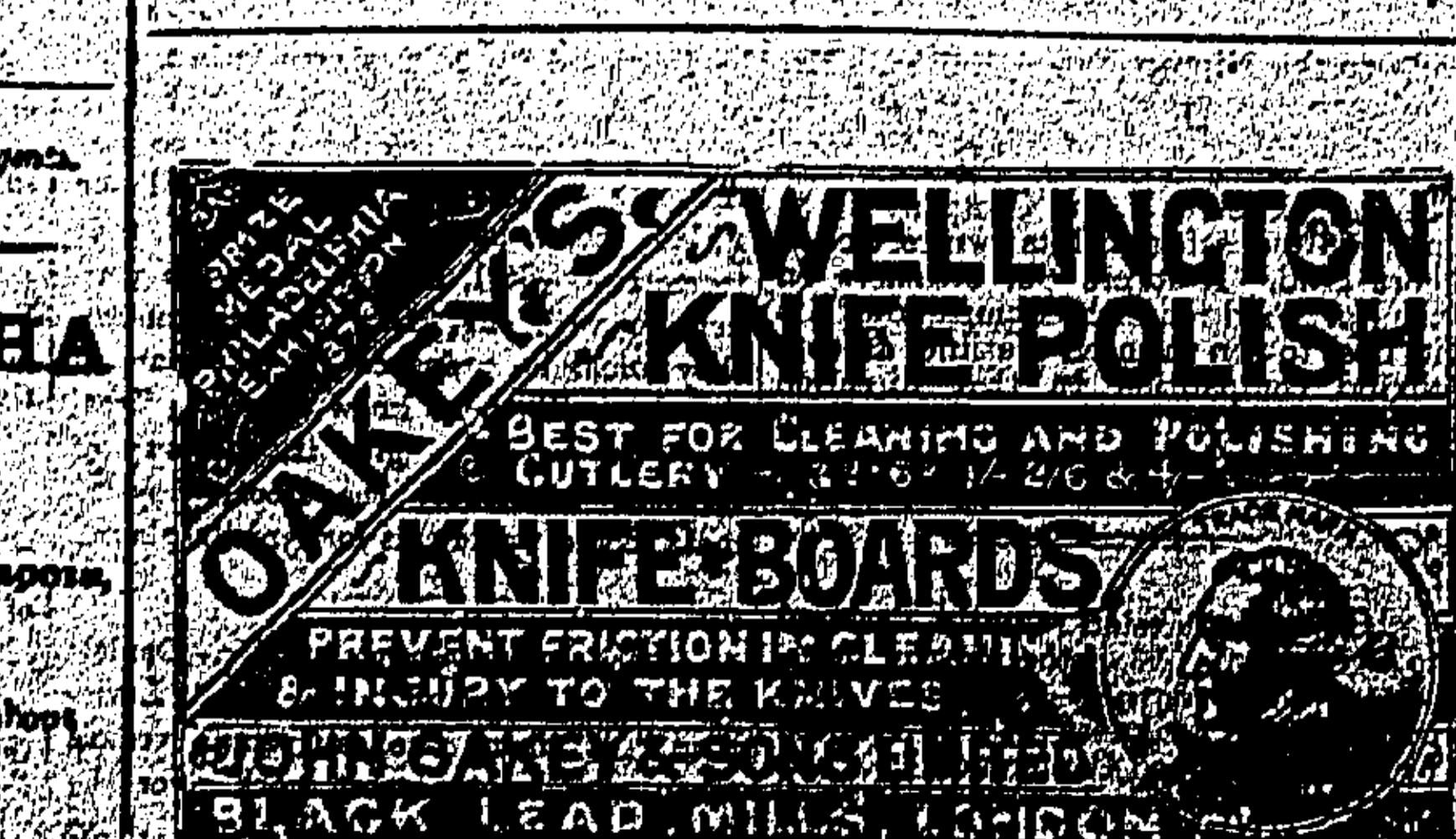
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REGULAR SERVICE of Fast, High Class, Clean Steamers having good
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SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW
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HANTAN Capt. A. E. Hodgins ... WEDNESDAY, 2nd Jan. at 12 Noon.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
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AMERICAN AND SOUTH
AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Homeward Mail Steamer carrying His Majesty's Mail will be
despatched from this port as usual taking
Passengers and Cargo for the above ports.
Passenger accommodation in the connecting
vessel is secured before departure
from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuable Cargo for Italy,
France and London (under arrangement)
will be conveyed in this steamer
proceeding via Bombay and there
transhipped to the oncoming steamer
for Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office
until 3 p.m. the day before sailing. The
contents and value of all packages are
required for further particulars, sailing dates
etc. apply to

E. V. D. PARR,
Superintendent
Hongkong, Nov. 22, 1917.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO & KORE.

THE Steamship

"COSTA RICA".

Captain D. A. LILLENDAL having arrived
from San Francisco, Ports, Countries of cargo
and hereby informed that the Goods
are being landed at their arrival into the
Godowns of the Honours and ED. LOW,
LOW WEAVERS and Godowns Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense.

Optional Goods will be carried on un-
less instructions are given to the contrary
before NOON, 27th instant.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godown, where they
will be examined on MONDAY, 31st
instant at 10 A.M.

All Claims must be presented within a
few days of the steamer's arrival here, after
which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
end Jan., 1918, will be subject to rent.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified
that they must produce an Import permit
signed by the Superintendent of Imports
and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of
Lading can be countersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHERMAN, TOMES & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 27, 1917.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. "COLOMBIA".

FROM SAN FRANCISCO,
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS,
SHANGHAI AND MANILA.

THE above-mentioned vessel having

arrived from above ports, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby informed that their
Cargo is being landed at their
arrival into the Hazardous and/or extra
Hazardous Godowns of the Honours and
ED. LOW, LOW WEAVERS and Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified
that they must produce an Import permit
signed by the Superintendent of Imports
and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of
Lading can be countersigned.

All claims must be presented within a
month of the steamer's arrival here, after
which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after December
31st, 1917, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be
effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for countersignature
immediately.

J. ORAM SHEPPARD,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, Dec. 24, 1917.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO VS.

HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND
MANILA.

THE Steamship

"SIBERIA MARU".

The above steamer having arrived,
Consignees of cargo are hereby notified
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and to make immediate delivery
of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on WEDNESDAY, 28th December, at 10 A.M. will
be landed at Consignee's risk and expense,
and delivery made when taken from the
Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all
cargo remaining undelivered on WEDNESDAY, 28th December, at 10 A.M. until
the same is taken from the Company's Godown.

Consignee will be liable for the
Godown fees left over in the Godown.
All chaffed and damaged cargo will be
landed into the Company's Godown, where
they will be examined and sent
away by 1st January, 1918.

Consignee will be liable for the
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1917.

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UNDER CONTRACT WITH HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT

TO MARSEILLES AND LONDON,

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO TO

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Stearns to Colombo	Leave Hongkong Noon	Connecting Mail Steamer from Colombo.	Due Marseilles 1917.	Due London 1917.

When Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved
Hongkong at the time of booking.

On the Australian Route Tickets Interchangeable with Orient Line.

SAILINGS DIRECT TO SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

S. S.	Leave Hongkong About

Passengers may travel by Railway in Japan between Ports of Call free of charge.
Return Tickets are available by Messengers Maritime Company.

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All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge and each Berth Furnished with an Electric Reading Lamp.

Round-the-World Tickets and Through tickets to New York in connection with the Principal Mail Lines.

Return Tickets at fare and a half available to Europe for Two Years; or to Intermediate Ports for Six Months.

Owing to the War in Europe Steamers and Sailing dates are liable to be cancelled or altered without notice.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees are reminded of the necessity to apply to the Company's Agents regarding arrival of consignments expected of which they have received documents of advice.

Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

For Further Information, Passage Fares, Freight, Handbooks, Dates of Sailings etc., apply to:

E. V. D. PARR,
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Cargo carried on through Bills of Lading from HONGKONG to BEIRA, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN (Natal), EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN with transhipment at COLOMBO to Steamers of the INDIAN AFRICAN LINE.

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Agents please refer to Circular Letter dated 1st November 1917.

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THE BANK LINE.

On to Holt & Co. Owners.

FIGHTING BEETLES.

SOUTH CHINA FORM OF GAMBLING.

The Filipinos have their cock fights; the Japanese their singing-insect contests; the Spaniards their bull fights; the soldiers in France indulge themselves in turtle racing when off duty; the Hindus delight themselves with training the cobras to perform the continental Can-can, and the Americans bet large sums on dog fights; the Siamese take particular pleasure in their fish fights. But where would fighting beetles and crickets be found, except in China? A visitor tells of one of these unique battles, which he witnessed in Canton. To those who are not acquainted with Chinese customs and recreations, this may sound a trifle exaggerated. The traveller, himself, was somewhat awed at the sight, and said that it had left a more indelible impression on his mind than anything else he has seen in China.

His story goes something like this. While walking down one of the narrow streets in the native city of Canton I chanced upon a large group of Chinese gathered in a circle about something on the ground which I could not see. A number of the Chinese were richly dressed and of apparent affluent circumstances, and this fact made me wonder what they were lingering here for. Upon wedging my way through the crowd and getting a "ring-side seat" so to speak, I was confronted with the strangest sight of my life. At first I thought the animated objects before me, were mechanical toys of some sort, being wended for the Christians trade. Closer inspection convinced me that the little dancing, biting, crawling things were living, breathing beetles. They were fighting, and the intense interest of the spectators conveyed to me the idea that this was no joking affair, indeed, it was a most serious affair and I afterwards learned that huge amounts of money hinged on the outcome.

This fight was being staged in a large bowl affair and the hard-shelled black and brown beetles were thumping merrily over its wooden surface. Just how they were trained for this strange battle I could not learn, but it was evident that the two insects had no love for each other. These battles generally mean a fight to the death, although in some cases when a beetle is wounded or so disabled that he cannot participate longer in the fray, the game is called off. The betting on these battles is very heavy, and it was said that a Chinese sometimes pays as much as \$2,000 for a rare specimen of the beetle.

These insects become great pets and in many cases receive better care than do children.

A PALESTINE PARADELL.

With curious appropriateness to the above, there comes to hand by the last mail the following from Reuter's special correspondent on the Palestine Front, written under date October 15th:

In a recent letter I described how certain "parts" of the desert help to lend excitement and variety to the life of our men in Sinai and Palestine. Possibly the majority of our troops would be glad to forego such distractions as scorpions and centipedes in their "bivvies," blankets, and flea-bags, but there are some who get their own back on these nuisances and pander to their sporting instincts at the same time by organizing duels between various selected specimens. Anything more interesting than a mortal combat between a big centipede and a hefty tarantula, or gallidote, is difficult to conceive. It is far more exciting than the ordinary boxing match. People at home may soon have an opportunity of sharing this sort of spectacle with our troops, as it is proposed to film some of the contests.

The arena is usually the sand-strewn bottom of a good-sized box. The gallidotes are a loathly-looking spider about the size of the palm of one's hand. He is armed with four long powerful mandibles which curve downwards, and two feather-like antennae, which are believed to contain the poison glands.

WAH PINGCHU.

The centipede may be eight or more inches long. His offensive armament

"For the Blood is the Life."

YOUR BLOOD WANTS PURIFYING.

IF YOU are troubled with Eczema, Blotches, Pimples, Boils, Sores or Eruptions of any kind continually troubling through the skin.

IF YOU have that constant itching and inflammation of Piles.

All these are sure signs of digging blood impurity, calling for immediate treatment through the blood, we don't waste your time and money on useless lotions and messy ointments, which cannot get below the surface of the skin. What you want and what you must have is a medicine that will get right to the root of your trouble, a medicine that will thoroughly treat the root of the persistent matter which is the true cause of all your suffering. Clarke's Blood Mixture is just such a medicine, it contains a number of ingredients which quickly attack, overcome, and expel from the blood all impurities from whatever cause they may come, and by rendering it clean and pure, can be easily absorbed by the body.

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HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

TUESDAY, 3rd instant
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Full Parade.

WEDNESDAY, 4th January 1918.—
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. Full Parade.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

21st to 25th instant.
E. L. Manning nightly at Belcher's and Lytton's Parade as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.

Engine drivers at 6.30 p.m.
Electricians at 5.45 p.m.
Officers next for duty.

Belchers, 2nd Lieut. Brown.
Lytton's, 2nd Lieut. Hill.

Stonewallers, Lieut. Hall.
Lieut. R. Hall, having returned to the Colony, has resumed duty at Stonewallers.

No classes will be held during the fortnight ending 4th January, 1918.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Baard.

CAMP.
SATURDAY, 5th instant.
Nos. 1 and 2 Sections will parade at Headquarters at 10 a.m.

Nos. 3 and 4 Sections will parade at Kowloon Station at 10.30 a.m.

All baggage to be brought well before the above-named times so that arrangements can be made to convey it to Town.

Camp beds may be brought by any boy if he likes.

Members are reminded that they under themselves liable to be struck off the strength should they absent themselves from Camp without first obtaining exemption from the Commanding Officer.

Leaves will be granted only on a doctor's certificate or in very exceptional cases.

G. M. STEWART,
Captain.

Adjutant, Hongkong Defence Corps.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1917.

NOTICE

SERGEANTS' MESS.
The quarterly meeting of the members of the Sergeant's Mess will be held in the Mess Room at 6.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd January, 1918.

Every member not on duty to attend.

Before deciding upon your next motorcycle see the three new 1918 model.

Indian Motorcycles.

5 h.p. Weatherweight.
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LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILED OUTWARD.

For WINE-DATES & HOLIDAYS

1st O... 5.00 P.M.

1st P... 10.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Cheung Chow 7.30 P.M. & 3 P.M.

Shapakok Sha-tin and Shenggabui 4.00 P.M.

Aberdeen, Antan Ping Shan, Tai King, San Tin Stanley 4.30 P.M.

7.30 A.M. 6.00 P.M.

Canton-Samui Regis. 5 P.M. and Wuchow Letters 5 P.M.

7.15 A.M. 9.00 A.M.

Macao 11.30 P.M.

8.00 P.M.

Kowloon Except Saturdays

11.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

Samui 6.00 P.M.

10.00 A.M. 9.00 A.M.

Shamian 4.00 P.M.

4.00 P.M.

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN BRANCH P.O.

For WINE-DATES & HOLIDAYS

1st O... 7.30 A.M. 6.00 P.M.

7.30 A.M. 6.00 P.M.